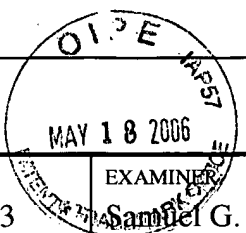
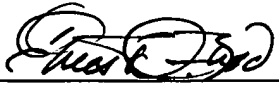
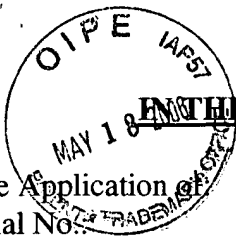


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INVENTION: <b>MINIATURE MAGNETOMECHANICAL TAG FOR DETECTING SURGICAL SPONGES AND IMPLEMENTS</b>						
INVENTOR(s): Carl E. Fabian et al.						
TO THE ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS: Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application. The fee has been calculated as shown below.						
<b>CLAIMS AS AMENDED</b>						
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**AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116**

In response to the Office Action dated March 15, 2006, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 8 of this paper.